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TITLE OF INVENTION: STORAGE ARRAY CONTROLLER WITH A NONVOLATILE MEMORY AS A CACHE MEMORY AND CONTROL METHOD OF THE SAME

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